## **Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 16, 2007

An act to add Section 101037 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to local health officers.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 437, as introduced, Jones. Local health officers.

Existing law permits the establishment of the position of county health officer for the performance of various duties and powers relating to public health.

This bill would authorize the county health officer to provide assistance to cities and counties with regard to public health issues as they relate to local land use planning and transportation planning processes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- SECTION 1. Section 101037 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 101037. The county health officer may provide assistance to
- 4 cities and counties with regard to public health issues as they relate
- 5 to local land use planning and transportation planning processes.
- 6 This assistance may include, but is not limited to:
- 7 (a) The prevention of obesity and chronic diseases such as
- 8 diabetes, some forms of cancer, arthritis and stroke in relation to

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1 physical activity, and issues of ease of walking and biking and

- 2 vehicle miles traveled.
- 3 (b) Respiratory disease and air quality.
- 4 (c) Injury prevention and motor vehicle crashes.
- 5 (d) Healthier eating opportunities and community design.
- 6 (e) Drinking water quality.
- 7 (f) Mental well-being and parks, trails, and open-space.
- 8 (g) Social capital and sense of community.
- 9 (h) Violence prevention and street safety.